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- 1) Transmittal Form (1 pg.);
- 2) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pp.);
- 3) Form PTO-1449 (1 pg.);
- 4) Copies of References A47-A48, B1, and C1; and
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. References A47-A48 and B7 were identified in an International Search Report for a counterpart PCT application. A copy of the International Search Report has been included. Copies of the patents are also enclosed.

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- ☐ (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **final action** or a **notice of allowance** under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, and
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- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **AND**
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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

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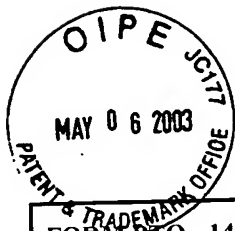
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	A47	3,713,985 e	01/30/73	Astle	195	103.5R	10/19/70
	A48	4,877,659 •	10/31/89	Vince	428	34.1	08/02/88

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	B7	627,277 •	09/30/27	FR				Y	N

OTHER ART, JOURNAL ARTICLES, ETC.

EXAM. INIT.	OTHER DOCUMENTS: (Including Author, Title, Date, Relevant Pages, Place of Publication)								
	C1	International Search Report for International Application No. PCT/US02/33941 mailed April 25, 2003 •							
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